

Scientists Challenge Theory That Beer Isn't Intoxicating Beverage

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New York—(U.P.)—If the man who is "high" or "tight" isn't drunk, Prof. Leon A. Greenberg of Yale ought to coin new words with which to describe the condition.

This challenge came from Dr. Albion Roy King and Dr. Harry N. Tiebout in their objection to Dr. Greenberg's theory that beer is not an intoxicating beverage—scientifically speaking.

The trouble with Dr. Greenberg's theory is that it considers only the man who staggers to be intoxicated, said scientific critics. They argued that the man could be a little drunk as well as very drunk.

Dr. Tiebout was sorry Dr. Greenberg ever brought up the subject. But since he did, he would have been "far wiser to recognize several stages or degrees of intoxication and to say that beer drinkers seldom reach stage three or four of X."

Dr. Greenberg's point was that people generally do not show consistent signs of intoxication until the alcohol content of their blood reached 0.15 per cent. He demonstrated scientifically that it is all but impossible to drink enough beer to raise the blood alcohol level to that amount.

Questions Asked
Dr. King wanted to know how about the "high" or "tight" aspects of drunkenness "which appear in the spread from 0.1 to 0.15 per cent, where beer drinking is obviously a factor." He thought Dr. Greenberg had performed "a feat of word manufacture and manipulation" and he thought people generally

wouldn't go along with the feat. Dr. King and Tiebout are well known figures in scientific studies of alcoholism. King is professor of philosophy at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Ia.; Tie-

bout, who is a psychiatrist, is vice-chairman of the Connecticut Commission on Alcoholism. In publishing Dr. Greenberg's theory, the official journal of the famed Yale Studies of Alcohol-

ism, published their criticisms at the same time, along with that of Dr. Frank J. O'Brien, associate superintendent of schools, New York City, who is a three-way doctor of medicine, philoso-

phy, and education. Dr. O'Brien objected to generalizing—the amount of alcohol which wouldn't raise a hair on "A" would make "B" very drunk, he said. "If, for example,

a person becomes intoxicated and especially if this has become an habitual occurrence, it is of little help or consolation to him or those who wish to help him to rid himself of this habit to know that others who drink the same amount of the same beverage do not become intoxicated."

The critics all thought Dr. Greenberg's scientific definition that beer is not an intoxicating beverage, might cause people to lose their respect for it, which would be too bad for reformed alcoholics since anything containing alcohol is a poison to them. Dr. Greenberg himself made an emphatic point of this.

NEW FUR
Chandler, Ariz. — (U.P.) — An equatic ranch near here has imported 34 sea rodents called coypus from Argentina to breed and produce fur pelts similar to those of the beaver. Tom Kuncie has built special pens at his ranch to hold the animals, which cost \$800 a pair.

Odd-Looking Devices To Squelch Big Fires

Memphis, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Two odd-looking fire-fighting devices dubbed cellarpipe and stream-master probably will be squelching major fires throughout the nation in a year or two.

The Memphis fire department, which pioneered the mobile deck gun, developed new devices and demonstrated them here to 1,500 of the nation's top fire-fighters.

The cellarpipe is a six-foot long iron pipe especially designed for fighting basement fires. It is used by knocking a hole in the floor and lowering one end into the hole. Four hoses are connected at the upper end, running to fog or straight stream nozzles in the bottom part. Double prongs on the bottom rest the device on the floor.

The stream-master operates like a giant stationary lawn sprayer. It permits firemen to aim the hose at close range, then

walk away, leaving the stream unattended.

The stream-master holds hose that would take up to six men to control. With one type of nozzle, it discharges 800 gallons of water a minute; with another, up to 400 gallons a minute.

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Thousands of Americans Discuss School Problems In Community Gatherings

Washington—(U.P.)—Many thousands of Americans are talking about their schools these days at meetings being held throughout the country.

By the time the meetings are over, perhaps as many as 1,000,000 will have joined in the local, county, and state discussions.

Conference Scheduled
These meetings are forerunners to the White House conference on education to be held here Nov. 28 to Dec. 1. Their purpose is to arouse citizens' interest in the problems facing their schools and to search for solutions to them.

Clint Pace, director of the White House conference, said "There never has been such a widespread interest in the schools."
This, he said, is reflected by the number of people attending the pre-conference meetings now going on. These meetings, he said, are giving persons concerned about the state of the nation's schools a voice in proposals for doing something about it.

Pace, a former Dallas news reporter, was regional director at Dallas of the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools when he was picked last October to head the White House conference.

The main problems facing the schools are too few classrooms and too few teachers. An administration program of federal aid for school construction is before Congress.

The purpose of the current meetings is to study these ills in exhaustive detail and consider how they may best be attacked.

The meetings result from a 1954 appeal by President Eisenhower for the most thorough study of educational problems ever made by the American people. Congress appropriated \$200,



ENDING HOSE MYSTERY, George Di Peso, Downey, Cal., holder, snips off famous "burrowing hose" eliminating hope of explaining phenomenon. Watching father, from left: Jean, 10, and George, 7. Hose worked into front lawn, couldn't be pulled out, attracting thousands of spectators. (International)

Texas State Fair Displays Iron Horse

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — Five years ago the Texas State fair received from the Texas and Pacific Railway company, what was called "the world's largest Christmas gift."

It was a giant locomotive that cost \$117,000 when built 30 years ago. As the railroad became dieselized, its president, W. G. Vollmer, thought it would be worthwhile to have one of the old-type steam locomotives on exhibition at the fair.

The locomotive, No. 638, was given with no strings attached. A ramp was built to the cab so youngsters could see the inside of the "iron horse."

But that was a mistake. The big engine became a victim of juvenile vandals, who made off with small levers and gauges, broke windows and otherwise defaced the once-proud locomotive.

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